

Collins, Kathleen

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To: Collins, Kathleen
Cc: Opalski, Dan
Subject: Draft OWW email

Hi Kathleen,

FYI – here's what I propose we send to the office. Cc'ing Dan in case he's interested in previewing/commenting. Let me know what you think.

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Hi OWW,

Some of you may be aware of the recent attention on EPA's efforts to encourage Washington and Idaho to revise their water quality standards, specifically human health criteria for toxic pollutants, to better protect people who consume Pacific NW fish and shellfish.

Given this broader interest, Dan suggested I inform the office about a decision he signed today that approves the majority of the Spokane Tribe's revised human health criteria, which are based on a fish consumption rate (FCR) of 865 grams per day and drinking water intake (DI) of 4 liters per day. Prior to this action on the Spokane Tribe's submittal, the Umatilla Tribe and the State of Oregon had adopted the most stringent human health criteria in the U.S.

Rather than go into a lot of details in this email, Kathleen (who worked on the document) and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I also heard there may be interest in having a future OWW all-staff presentation to hear more about the Region's work with states and tribes on human health criteria. If that's the case, please let me or your UM know. Finally, if you are interested, here is link to the decision document on the share drive: G:\Baker\Water and Watersheds\Water Quality Standards\Tribal\Washington - Tribes\Spokane.

Thanks and happy holidays!

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